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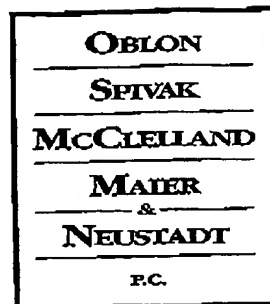
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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/656,203  
Applicants: Bernd ECK, et al.  
Filing Date: September 8, 2003  
For: PROCESS FOR THE PURIFICATION AND  
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Group Art Unit: 1621  
Examiner: PUTTLITZ

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Respectfully submitted,

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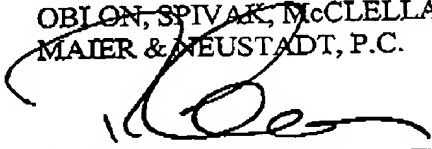
With regard to the presently allowed application, Applicants note the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, and wish to point out that claim 11 relates to a process for the purification of acrylic acid, while claim 20 relates to a process for the preparation of acrylic acid. Thus, whether the impurities removed in the claim 11 process and those removed by the purification process in the preparation claim 20 are the same or different is not an issue.

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Applicants appreciate the allowance of this case. As indicated by Examiner Puttlitz, a Supplemental Notice of Allowance will now be issued.

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I, the undersigned, certify that I am an individual empowered to act on behalf of petitioner, **BASF AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT**, the assignee of the entire right, title and interest of the above-captioned application by virtue of an assignment from the inventor(s) of said application, said Assignment having been recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at reel no. 013893, frame(s) 0253.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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